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In re Application of
Li, Levan, and Monroe
Application No.: 10/661,558
Filed: September 15, 2003
Attorney Docket No: 1696-053002
For: DENATURANT-FREE ELECTROPHORESIS OF
BIOLOGICAL MOLECULES UNDER HIGH TEMPERATURE
CONDITIONS

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This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a), filed August 12, 2004 (certificate of mailing dated August 10, 2004).

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application and papers have been reviewed and found in compliance with 37 CFR 1.47(a). This application is hereby accorded Rule 1.47(a) status.

The above-cited application was filed on September 15, 2003, and was not accompanied by a proper oath or declaration. A Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application was mailed on February 10, 2004, requiring a properly executed declaration, \$130.00 surcharge, and payment of the filing fee. The notice allowed an extendable period for reply of two months from its mailing date. On August 12, 2004, the instant petition was filed along with a request for an extension of time within the fourth-month, and a declaration executed by two of the three named inventors.

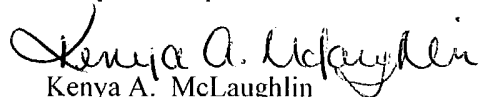
Petitioner has shown that inventor Li has constructively refused to join the filing of the above-identified application after having been presented with the application papers. The above-identified application and papers have been reviewed and found in compliance with 37 CFR 1.47(a). This application is hereby accorded Rule 1.47(a) status.

Deposit account 06-1050 will be charged \$130.00 for the instant petition fee.

As provided in Rule 1.47(c), this Office will forward notice of this application's filing to the non-signing inventor at the addresses given in the petition. Notice of the filing of this application will also be published in the Official Gazette.

This application will be forwarded to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for further processing.

Telephone inquiries should be directed to the undersigned at (703) 305-0010.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Kenya A. McLaughlin".

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